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## RUSSIAN WOMAN IN U.S. COMMENTS ON SPY PLANE

NEW YORK, May 13 (UPI)—

An influential Russian woman said today she hoped the American people were as disturbed about the United States spy plane incident as the Soviet public.

Mrs. Nina Popova called it a "sad fact which would better not have happened," but added that it had not changed her friendly feeling toward the United States.

Mrs. Popova, who arrived yesterday with her daughter, is one of the first high-level Soviet citizens to visit the United States since Francis G. Powers was shot down while flying over Russia.

She is chairman of the Committee on Soviet Women, and of the Society for Friendship and Culture, both of which help conduct Russia's cultural relations abroad.

Mrs. Popova explained that news of the American plane was especially shocking since the Russians had begun to relax as a result of Premier Khrushchev's trips abroad.

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